

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 5, 2023

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

“When I Geet Where I’m Going”
Soloist: Brian McCullough

by B. Paisley

*Gathering Words

Leader: Blessings and woes, sorrows and joys— life has called us here.

All: Bless us, O God, to live in your love.

Leader: Dreams and visions, worries and fears— life has called us here.

All: Bless us, O God, to live in your love.

Leader: Saints and sinners, friends and foes— life has called us here.

All: Bless us, O God, to live in your love.

Leader: Giving and taking, cursing and praying— life has called us here.

All: Bless us, O God, to live in your love.

Leader: Come, whoever you are, wherever you are— God calls and welcomes you here.

*Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River”

UMH #723

*Opening Prayer

We give you thanks, our God and Father, for all who have died in the faith of Christ— for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time, for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come, and for our communion with them now; in your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Remembering Those We Hold in our Hearts

<i>Thelma L. Lennex</i>	<i>Milan Vosvick, Jr.</i>	<i>Patricia Jean Shamblin</i>
<i>Bettie Jane Fadoul</i>	<i>Gertrude "Pepper" Organ</i>	<i>Robert E. Friend</i>
<i>Dolores Marie Scherich</i>	<i>Marjorie Irene Higley</i>	<i>Donald Harry Waddell</i>

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music	<i>"Knowing What I Know About Heaven"</i>	by G. Penrod
	<i>Soloist: Brian McCullough</i>	

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH #95
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*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious one, you offer us the bread of life and the living water of Christ. We come before you to offer our hearts and the riches we have received from your hand. Bless these gifts, that they may bring the Spirit's comfort to those whose eyes are wet with tears. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"</i>	UMH #614
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Dismissal for Children's Church ages infant to 5th grade

Scripture Hebrews 11:8-10, 29-12:2

Message *"Blazing the Trail"* Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

We yearn to be counted among the saints of old, but the journey is long and difficult.

We long to love others as we should, even when they revile and hate us.

We seek to forgive those who wrong us, even when it means swallowing our pride.

We strive for the openness of spirit to pray for those who persecute us, even when we want to hold onto our wounds.

Guide us on this journey of discipleship, that we may grow as your children and live as saints of your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Beloved children of God, even when we fail, God's love never fails.

What we will be has not yet been revealed, but we know that we will be like Christ one day.

Until that day, trust that we are surrounded by the love and tender mercies of our God.

Holy Communion

*Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

UMH #701

*Sending Forth

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever!

Go in peace, lavished by the love of Christ, and surrounded by the great company of saints, to be a living beatitude to a hurting world. **Amen.**

*Postlude

David Waddell

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



GIFT CARDS for VETERANS

WALMART or KROGER gift cards only.

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.
Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



Our Nursery is OPEN!
Nursery Services for infants to 5th grade.
The children will hear a bible story, make a craft
and have lots of fun!

Can you spare a Sunday to help?

Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk, or see Kaitlyn Folmar for questions.



NEW GROUP MEETING

“Together in Grief”

1st meeting is November 5th
12:30pm

Snacks will be provided.

Anyone is welcome to come, share
and get support.



*It's time for the
Annual Suzie Hewitt Memorial
Sweets Auction!
November 19th*

*One worship service at 11:00am
Covered-dish Lunch at 12:00pm
Auction begins at 1:00pm*



November 26th @ 4:00pm

We will be decorating for Advent and we need help
with the heavy lifting.

We also need help decorating all of our Christmas
trees and hanging our many, many wreaths.

All ages welcome!!